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799 Today, besides Mr. Matthews, only one missionary of
797 the Melanesian Mission periodically lives on Nitendi, and colon-
169 ization by Whites has never been very great. Thus there is little direct contact between Whites and natives on the island itself.

181 The inhabitants of Nitendi do not enjoy a very good repu-
648 tation and are regarded as war-like and aggressive, probably not entirely unjustly, for Mendaña himself, the discoverer of the island, was greeted with a hail of arrows, even before he landed.
[609] This was the customary welcome accorded almost every stranger in Melanesia, however, and if elsewhere strangers were first induced to land then attacked, this in itself shows the more candid and more courageous character of the Nitendi men. And in fact, they seem candid and not very crafty, at least in comparison with the inhabitants of the New Hebrides. Now that they have become accustomed to generally peaceful intercourse with Whites as a result of missions and recruitment, they are, in contrast to other Melanesians, gay, trustful, and obliging, even in
[596] front of Whites. Only a slight infraction of their etiquette, however, arouses spontaneous enmity. Then they reach for the bow and arrow, but their anger quickly subsides, especially if they do not have the advantage, and a payment will usually atone for the crime. Often it seems as though they fight only to satisfy their laws. The beginnings of gratitude are there.

181 A sense for the comic is strongly developed. There is
522 great fondness for ridicule, and their wit seems to be keen and to the point. A man's weak side is grasped in a moment and forever afterward it is laughed at and ridiculed. They have no compassion. Other people's suffering leaves them cold or amuses them, whereas their own pain is very strongly felt, not so much chronic suffering as acute injury.

231 Animals are tortured out of carelessness, but domestic
855 animals are well cared for. Children are treated tenderly (1),

1. [Probably everywhere the smaller
854 children are carried by the mother on the left hip in the bark-cloth shawl,

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[103] Banūa Village

No. 1

● [797] A. Father Frank Bollen Toke (48) of Nggela

B. Reire (43) of Nggela

C. So--Stanley Nggatea (16)
So--Biku (11)

D. Father Ambrose (42) of Bogutū
Wi--Lūti (47)

Native Solomon Island "Fathers" of Melanesian Mission

No. 2

A. Moffet Pūeolra (45) [-bebla]
Fa--Ngoniū (d) of Munaū-Menau
Mo--Inapiki (d) of Banūa
ElBr--Kulūa (d) of Banūa
So--Ngonia (d)
So--Napoū, married at Munaū-Menau No. 5
Da--Inapiki, married at Nule No. 6
Da--Idobū, married at Banūa No. 12
YoSi--Ilomi, married at Munaū-Menau No. 2

B. Alice Laoli (40) [pelebi]
Fa--Mekaū (d) of Pileni
Mo--Manlei living at Pileni No. 27
Sibs--see Pileni No. 27

C. Da--Tiresa Iada (17) married at Banūa No. 13
Da--Salome Ivaio (6)
So--Philip Menamneti (-1)

D. Wi - Illeg. So--Thomas Napo (3)
Fa--A1 of Banūa No. 10